(b) whether he was given clean chit prior to this; and

(c) whether the procedure adopted to take a decision in this regard is being reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU) : (a) During May 2009, CBI had arrested Shri Sudipta Ghosh, former DGOF and Chairman/OFB on charges of demanding and obtaining illegal gratification, criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct under Section 8,10,12 and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, and Section 120B of IPC.

(b) Prior to his appointment as DGOF & Chairman, OFB, disciplinary proceedings were held against Shri Sudipta Ghosh, then Addl. GM, Ordnance Factory, Khamaria,' for alleged irregularities in the procurement of Boxes for packing ammunition. In that case an inquiry was held and on the basis of the Inquiry Officer's report and the representation of the officer, the case was examined in the Ministry of Defence in consultation with Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). As per the advice of the CVC and with the approval of Disciplinary Authority, charges against Shri Sudipta Ghosh were dropped.

(c) No, Sir.

Manufacturing of anti-landmine vehicles

†2774. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether anti-landmine vehicle instruments are manufactured in India;

(b) if so, the number of instruments manufactured each year;

(c) if not, whether they are imported;

(d) their region-wise number; and

(e) the details of their utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Anti-landmine vehicles are manufactured in India and carry, among others, the standard instruments fitted in an automobile. However, anti-landmine instruments are not being manufactured.

Ordnance Factory Board has manufactured the following numbers of anti-landmine vehicle in the past five years:

2004-2005	36
2005-2006	101
2006-2007	28
2007-2008	18
2008-2009	60

(c) The information will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The distribution of anti-landmine vehicles in different States is given below:-

Andhra Pradesh	13
Bihar	39
Chhattisgarh	23
Jharkhand	51
Karnataka	3
Madhya Pradesh	3
Maharashtra	9
Orissa	5
Uttar Pradesh	6
West Bengal	15

(e) Anti-landmine Vehicles are usually used for protection of personnel against Improvised Explosive Devices (up to 14 kg of TNT).

Companies blacklisted in CBI's charge-sheet

2775. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of seven companies named in CBI's FIR registered against the Ex-Chairman, Ordnance Factory Board;

(b) the value of the orders involved, company-wise;

(c) whether the seven companies have been blacklisted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) The names of the seven companies are:

(i) Israeli Military Industries, Israel;

(ii) Singapore Technology. Singapore;

(iii) BBT, Poland;

(iv) Media Architects Pte Ltd. Singapore;

(v) HYT, Pune;

(vi) TS Kissan & Co. Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi;

(vii) R.K. Machine Tools, Ludhiana.

(b) Value of existing contracts of these seven companies with Ordnance Factory Board is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Defence has decided to put on hold for the present all pending procurement and acquisition cases involving the above mentioned firms figuring in the FIR registered by CBI.